Diary of John Rexton
Communicated by Frank E
John[4] Rexton, (John[3], Thomas[2], J
the following diary, was bor
(Danvers) Sept. 4, 1717. He md. J
Putnam, dau. of Joshua and R
b. June 16, 1722, d. Mar. 28, 1771. He
was second cousin to Genera
John Rexton d. June 14, 1771.
md Amos Kapley (See Kapley
diary is in the possession
great granddaughters.

d Danvers 1744-1760,
Bridgeleatton, Woburn, Mass.
Roger,), the author of
on in Salem Village
July 12, 1744, Hannah
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Salem Village 1743

Remarkes on the year 1744

A Blazing Star Was Seen from Decemb^r 25^th^ 1743 till february 14^th^ then it Set About half an hour after Sun down And it Rose the 15^th^ about an hour Before Sun rise & So it Drew nearer the Sun till about the 20^th^ it Came from So it was Seen in the day time

June 2^d^ War Proclaimed With france

June 3^th^ the Earth quake a Leted after Ten O^c^ Clock before noon.

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March 17th all night very hard thinder
March 24th the fleet Sailed for Cape Brit on
May 9th my Daughter Elizebeth born
May 27th Rufus Putnam fell from Capt
John Gardner house and died in
An hour after. #
June 10th my Brother Listed for Cape Bro ito
Sail'd from Boston June 26th and arriv ed
In Lisbury harbor July 6th I wrote
A Leter dated July 7th I Recivd it July 27
August 13th he Was brought home sick.

1746

February 2th Very fair pleasant day
August 2th Some frost in the meddow s
August 11th 12th 13 Some frost Every
morning So as to kill the Corn
Leaves.

August 26th Very hard frost Isaac
To kill Corn, Beans & Potatoes.
September 3th my Son John Born
October 18th the Snow fell a foot Deed

1747

December 3th at Night a Violent
Storm of Snow the Wind at North
East and the Snow Lay Clost on the
Grond till the Last of march
Following and it was thought by
Many that there was more Snow
That Winter then there had been
Any Winter Since this Countrey
Was inhabited.

1748

April 14th my Brother Philip Preston died
In the twentyeighth year of his age

About the Same time a Comet Was
Seen in the North East for a forth night
Or three Weeks
This Summer Was Called the hottest
And the dryest that had ben
Known for a Great Numbers of
Years.
October 30th my Son Philip Was
Born. and it held Verey dry all
The Winter following and but Verey
Littel Snow or Rain but Cold
And Dry.

1749

This Spring Remained So dry that
By the midle of may the Rivers
And Brooke Was as Dry and Low

As ever Known in the fall.
May 29th my Son Philip Died after
Twenty four hours Sickness.
June 15th a General fast through
this Provence on the Ocation of
The Drought.
The 20th Joseph Cross Come home
After he had ben gone allmost
Twelve years & allmost Eleven years
Of that time he Was on board a
Man of War in the Kings Service
The 28th aunt mary tarbol Died
In the 90th year of her age.
July 1th the Pastors Were as dry and
Allmost as White as in the
Winter time

In the fore part of July fine
Showers of rain which Brought too
The Pastures as fresh as in may.
English hay was so Scarse this
Summer that it was Sold after
The rate of 50 or 60 Pounds a
Load in Salem. & Some in Boston
For 80 or 90 Pounds a Load
August the 24 a genreal thanksgiving
On the account of the rain.
Considrable good Crops of
Indian Corn & the Winter so
Favorable that Creatures there
Wintred beyound Expectation.

March 1750

This Spring Came on Earley and
Freash Showers and a Considera. the
Good Crops of indian Corn

And English hay. hay at 40
Shillings per Load Lawfull mo
July 24th a Shower of hale that
Weare as big as Robings Eggs when
They fell So that they Cut holes
Throw the Tobacco Leaves Cabbig
October Cyder Sold in Salem for
Four Shillings pr Barrel Law
full money.
December indian meal Sold in the
Market in Salem for two Shillings
Pr Bushell. Lawfull money.
A Verey open moderate Winter
No Snow for Sleding but
A Greate Deal of [illegible] Rain
January 25th Feathro Putnam died
February 11 Elecer Brown Came
To the Widdow Anne Crafts

In the Evening he fell Down
And Died in four or five minuts
After he got to the Door.
March 22 my Son Joshua
Was Born & he Died may 11th
1751 with the throat distemper
My other Children Verey bad with
The same distemper but they Recovered
July 29th it Began to rain
Modirately about nine O'Clock
In the morning & it rained
Steady all day & all Night
Verey hard the Wind fresh at
South East. 30th Exceeding hard
Showers so that the Rivers the
31 Was as high as Ever Known

In the Spring. October Cyder
Sold in Salem for three Shillings
Per Barrel. this winter Exceeding
Cold & a great deal of Snowding.
This winter the Village and
Middle parish Set of from
Salem as a distrect by the
Name of Danvers.

1752

This year Ordered by Parliment
To Begin With the first of January
March 30th my Son David born
This Spring very dry & Exceeding
Cold. Small Pox Very bad in
Boston. in may it Broak out
In Charlestown & Salem.

June 27th George Stonne
Fell in to his Well & was
Drowned. July 12th being
Sabath day in the after noon
George Small house was Struck
With thunder & the thunder
Came down Chimney & K[illed]
Killed Solomon Phips as he sit
On a Block by the fam he
Fell down dead & never Spoak
Nor Sturred he had just entred
His one and twentieth year.

1753

Nothing remarkeable till December
Then Jasper Symonton his Wife
And one Child all Died with the fever

This Winter verey little snow
But a bundance of Rain.

1754

The month of April verey Cold
And dry the wind at north west
And north & north East all the
Month but 3 or 4 days.
The 23th of June being Sabeth day
It runne Some but at night
It began to rane verey hard
And rained all night So that
Sprowil river was all most
High until the 30 a ever it is
In the Spring of the year.
August 8th my Daughter ~~Born~~
Hannah born* September 18th
Genreal training at Salem.

* Married Amos Tapley

October Died Deacon Nathaniel
Putnam
And one of Ass putnams Children

About the 20th of October Died
The Deacon & three more of Ass
Putnam Children the three
Children all Buried in one grave
This winter verey open & modern
Weather no Sleading at all

1755

May 31st Verey hard frost So as
To kill the Corn & Beans.
And in the medow's the Brakes
Were all killed. This Summer
Was Exceeding Cold the frost
Come Verey earley on the fieald

So that indian Corn Was Verey
Much hurt in Some places
September 15th Jonathan Magery
Listed to go to Crown point.
September 25th Capt Samuel Flint
Marcht out of Salem With
His Company to go to Crown Point
October Verey Cold Weather.
The 18 day it Snowed Considera bly
The 25 Snow'd again.
The 30 a Verey Snowey Stormey
Day as most you Know in
The Winter time.
November from the 1 to the 17
Verey unusual fogey Weather &
No Vines until the 18th.

In the morning between
Three & four O'Clock was a
Terrible hard Earth Quake
That throw down a power of
Ston Wall & a great many tops
Of Chimneys.
This Winter very moderate.

1756

This Summer the fore part very
Wet & Cold the Latter part very Dry
The 21st October my Son Levi
Born. in this month Died Lieut
Ebenezer Porter his Wife & two
Oldest Sons With the Fever.

1757

This year the french took
Fort William henrey.

1758

April 20th my Son Moses Born.
In July our armey was defeated
At ticonderoge with Lost of 1 or 5 000 men
In august the English took Cape
Capebriton. this Summer Exceeding
Cold & wet. the 15th of august it
Friz'd So the Fever was so high
As Common in the Spring till the 23d

1759

This year the English took
Ticonderoge Crown point
and Quebeck.

1760

The 20th March a great fire
In Boston Burnt 3 or 400 houses
The 24 my Son Aaron Born.

Salem Village June the 11th 1763

John Preston *

In the 17th year of our Sovreign
King Gorge the Second.

* Father of John, & Moses & Levi,
& Hannah who married Amos
Tapley.

John Preston's daughter
Hannah married
Amos Tapley.

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